



Paper and cardboard being recycled.

What's My Line?

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

—Margaret Mead,
Anthropologist

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Each month 950 tons of curbside recyclables (a pile the size of a school auditorium) come into the Recycle Center from Burbank residents and businesses. The recyclables rumble along conveyor belts as workers separate materials by hand.

Recycle Center staff talked with the sorting line workers to hear in their own words what it's like to sort recyclables day after day. Of course not all of the materials tossed into recycling bins is recyclable. The unwanted "contaminants" found on the sorting line may surprise you.

Nearly sixty women and men work on the sorting line on one of these shifts. They often start at 3 a.m. and finish around midnight. The sorting continues year round, except on major holidays—often six days a week. Working conditions are always noisy and dusty, and for a few months HOT, especially with the glasses, ear

protection, gloves, dust masks, hard hats, steel toed shoes, safety vests, aprons, bandanas and arm protection.

Let's meet some of the sorting crew:

of exercise and what we do is good for the environment ... and for everybody." He imagines that many people do not know that the materials are manually sorted.



RECYCLE CENTER CREW First shift.

Friendly and always smiling, **Javier Garcia** has been with the center for 18 years. He is the day shift supervisor, but occasionally helps out on the sorting line when the crew is short handed. He commented that the sort lines move very quickly, making it difficult to spot and remove hazardous waste before it contaminates the line. Working at the Center has become part of his life and he enjoys his job. "The crew is like family." He would like to thank people for recycling and he appreciates Burbank's environmental efforts.

Rene Menjivar began as a truck driver at the Center in 1985 and he's now the night supervisor. When interviewed, Rene said, "I like it here. I never have to think about going to a different job. I love this place. I get lots

Victoria Mendez doesn't mind her job, but she admits that the constant heat and dust do make the job extremely challenging at times. Victoria is a strong

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proponent for following safety measures. Her stories from the sorting line show that she has learned through experience. Any closed container of liquid is potentially dangerous and can burst, placing workers in harm's way.

Jose Garcia would like to ask the public to be more cautious when sorting materials at home. Contamination spreads and has the potential to make other recyclables unusable. He would like people to keep recycling but help the planet by doing it more cautiously.

Gloria Hernandez (and most of the workers) says syringes and needles are a problem. Gloria explains that needles are usually bent when put into the trash, making it extremely important for the crew to be vigilant when sorting through recycled materials. Often if they see one syringe, it's followed by more. She would like people to be more considerate of how their actions affect other people down the line.

Not everything thrown in recycle bins is legal or recyclable. The stories told by the crew are both amusing and alarming. In addition to needles (the crew's primary concern) imagine finding these things mixed in with the recyclables: animals (a dog, a pony, birds, cats, rodents, snakes, squirrels, turtles), batteries, bullets, diapers, electronics, firearms, fireworks, flares, food waste, insecticides, jewelry, knives, money, paints, and unidentified chemicals.



Second shift thanks everyone for recycling carefully.

Fortunately, the crew is well trained for the surprises that come their way.

While their work conditions present challenges, the crews are very safety conscious and remain friendly and good natured. The camaraderie is strong and the workers barbeque, relax and spend time with each other away from work.

Burbank Recycle Center honors the hard work and dedication of the workers who sort the materials. For more details visit: <http://www.burbankrecycle.org> or call the Burbank Recycle Center at **(818) 238-3900**.

*Beginning September 1, 2008,
California law makes it*

**illegal to put
syringes or needles
in either recycling
or trash bins.**

Local SAFE Collection Centers do accept sharps that are properly packaged.

For more information visit

www.earth911.org

or call the Burbank Recycle Center at
(818) 238-3900

What goes in the City Recycling containers?



YES

- all clean, dry paper: junk mail, newspaper, cardboard, catalogs, phone books, magazines
- cans (aluminum, tin, steel)
- glass bottles & jars
- plastic containers (soda, water, detergent, milk, juice, yogurt, margarine, etc.)

NO

- food-soiled paper: napkins, plates, towels, wrappers
- styrofoam (#6)
- plastics other than bottles or containers*
- plastic bags*
- wet garbage
- CDs, DVDs*
- electronics, batteries, light bulbs
- scrap metal**

* Plastics other than bottles and containers: bags, toys, scrap plastic, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, may be recycled at the Burbank Recycle Center (BRC).

** Scrap metals are accepted (not purchased) at the Burbank Recycle Center.

Beach Cities Ban Plastic Bags

Manhattan Beach and Malibu have banned plastic carryout bags! On July 1, 2008 the City of Manhattan Beach, in a unanimous 5-0 vote, became the first city in the South Bay and the second in L.A. County (Malibu being the first) to ban plastic carryout bags.

Large retailers, in these two cities, will be required to comply within 6 months and smaller retailers will have one year to comply with the new law. Their city staff recommended that their Council also consider a fee on paper bags to encourage shoppers to bring their own reusable bags. Other California cities are also considering bans.

COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS CANNOT BE THROWN AWAY

All fluorescent lights contain small amounts of mercury and that's why California has banned these bulbs from landfills. Fluorescents, regardless of their size, cannot be thrown into trash or recycle bins. Bulbs can be responsibly dropped off at Home Depot, IKEA, the S.A.F.E. Collection Centers and/or the Burbank Recycle Center (restrictions apply).

Why Use CFL Bulbs?

Efficient: Bulbs use about 75% less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last up to ten times longer.

Cost Effective: Save about \$30 or more in electricity costs over each bulb's lifetime.

Less Pollution: Produces about 75% less heat which further decreases air conditioning, electricity and emissions.

Versatile: Lots of sizes and shapes are available to fit almost any fixture.

(Information courtesy of BWP and ENERGY STAR)

GREEN UP YOUR SUMMER PARTIES

Tired of cleaning up the after-party trash?

Want to create positive change and host the greenest party in town?

Here are a few ideas!

INVITATIONS

- ✓ Send electronic invitations, such as www.evite.com or cut out pictures from magazines and make your own invitations.
- ✓ Plan ahead—let everyone know in advance. This is a TRASHLESS Party—expect all the fun without the waste.
- ✓ B.Y.O.P. = Bring Your Own Plate.
- ✓ Bring food in reusable or recyclable containers and plan to take leftovers home.
- ✓ Bring only reusable, recyclable or compostable items.
- ✓ Award certificates for getting to the party by foot, bike, bus, train or carpool or bringing no waste!
- ✓ Award prizes for helping with the dishes!
- ✓ Award prizes to the person who can present the most outlandish justification, law or proclamation for making more waste!

PREPARE

- ✓ Sign up for a compost class and get your bin going! Show it off at the party!
- ✓ Make some fun trips to thrift stores with friends. Bring your own bags!
- ✓ Check out the farmers markets for fresh organic foods. Bring your own bags!
- ✓ Make lots of ice ahead of time. No plastic bags!

DECORATIONS

- ✓ Ban disposable decorations (balloons, streamers, etc). Instead get creative!
- ✓ Make centerpieces from flowers, plants, fresh fruit, vegetables, seed packets, old books, cheesy magazines or thrift store geegaws
- ✓ Encourage guests to eat the decorations or take them home!

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

- ✓ Instead of buying disposables, go to a thrift store and buy a bunch of reusables.
- ✓ Set tables with reusable tableware, cups, flatware, napkins and linens.
- ✓ Buy locally grown organic food whenever possible. Support farmer's markets!
- ✓ Buy in bulk to reduce packaging.
- ✓ Create a menu low on the food chain.

COLLECTING RECYCLABLES

- ✓ Place the recycling and trash containers together.
- ✓ Clearly mark containers with "Recycle" or "Compost" signs.
- ✓ Ask the Burbank Recycle Center for a complete list of recyclables.



CLEANING UP

- ✓ Pack leftover food in reusable containers. Avoid foil, plastic wraps, plastic bags & waxpaper.
- ✓ Use simple non-toxic cleaners.
- ✓ Toss the dish rinse water on the plants (no satellite-guided irrigation!)

REFERENCE SITES

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Venues/>
<http://www.ecocycle.org/zwevents/moretips.cfm>



CNG Refuse Trucks

The City of Burbank is proud to announce the addition of five new Compressed Natural Gas refuse trucks to its fleet. These five vehicles were purchased in cooperation with grant funding from Clean Transportation Funding from The Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC).

Tidbits

1. PLASTIC

■ PLASTIC IS OIL

According to the Earth Resource Foundation, over 70% of the 15,000 people they interviewed did not know that plastic is made from petroleum products. **Plastic is made primarily from oil.**

Common answers were usually trees, sand, plastic and "I do not know." Results did not vary given people's education, socio-economic, geographical, race, gender, or religious status.

- Plastics are forever! Plastics do NOT biodegrade. Rather, they photodegrade, a process in which sunlight breaks down plastic into smaller and smaller pieces. (www.reusablebags.com)
- A Los Angeles city study in 2004 found plastic bags made up 25% of the litter cleaned from 30 storm drain catch basins

2. WASTE

- The United States constitutes 6% of the world's population yet produces 30% of global waste and pollutants.
- Results released in 2006 of a study of 25 different venues and events in California indicated that on average 2.44 pounds of waste are generated per visitor, per day (CIWMB)

3. CFL

- If every American home replaced just one light bulb with an ENERGY STAR qualified bulb, we would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes for a year, more than \$600 million in annual energy costs, and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars. (EnergyStar.gov)

What's the Refund Value of Bottles and Cans?

How do you tell whether the California Refund Value (CRV) is 5¢ or 10¢ and how much should you pay at the store for your beverage containers.

Under 24 ounces = 5¢ redemption value

24 ounces or more = 10¢ redemption value

Check at the store that the correct amount has been charged.

Recycling centers are certified by the State and are required to honor any request for redemption payment by count for up to fifty beverage containers of each material type (aluminum, glass, plastic). After fifty, the centers may then pay per pound. Recycling centers may pay per count above fifty, but are not required to do so. The Burbank Recycle Center contractor pays per pound unless a count is requested.

For questions or more information contact the State Division of Recycling: **1-800-RECYCLE** or www.consrv.ca.gov/DOR/index.htm. For a list of State Certified buy back centers near you, please visit: www.Bottlesandcans.com.



Green Workshops! Save The Dates!

Win prizes for walking, biking, busing or carpooling to these events!

TRANSITIONAL LANDSCAPE CLASS – FIRST EVER!

Wednesday, September 17th, 7:00 - 8:45pm

Meet a diverse panel who will speak on changing landscapes from resource intensive to resource conserving. Expect a friendly discussion with a wide range of topics from getting started, to harvesting water, to tuning up irrigation systems, to working with your gardener. Snacks will be served! Held at the Burbank Recycle Center. To register, call **818-238-3900**.

Panelists invited include:

Roy Weigand, Burbank resident who is changing his home's landscape
Glen Williams, Burbank's Forest Services Manager (invited)
Mark Wurzel, Landscape Contractor for the Burbank Recycle Center
Kreigh Hampel, Burbank's Recycling Coordinator

NATIVE NIGHTS WITH LILI SINGER

Wednesday, October 22nd, 7:00pm

at Buena Vista Library Auditorium

Wednesday, November 5th, 7:00pm

at Burbank Recycle Center

Tuesday, December 2nd (location and time TBA)

Saturday, January 10th (location and time TBA)

Hear one of Southern California's premier horticulturists talk on California native plants. Invite the colors, scents and butterflies of California to your garden. To register call Burbank Water and Power, **818-238-3731**

BACKYARD COMPOSTING

Wednesday, September 10th,

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Saturday, September 13th,

10:00 - 11:30 am

Learn how to make rich chocolate soil for your garden! Free composter to Burbank residents! Held at the Burbank Recycle Center. To register, call **818-238-3900**

Sustainable Burbank

In January of 2008, the Burbank City Council adopted a **Sustainability Action Plan** based on the **Urban Environmental Accords** (Accords). *Sustainability* is most easily described as the balancing of economy, environment and equity. The Accords were first unveiled at the United Nations' World Environment Day 2005 as a framework for outlining twenty-two actions under the headings of energy, waste reduction, urban design, urban nature, transportation, environmental health and water. Burbank's Action Plan addresses current needs while keeping in mind the needs of future generations. For details, visit the City of Burbank website at www.burbankusa.com and follow the link to the "Sustainability Action Plan."

In June 2008, the City Council also approved the City's Zero Waste Policy and Plan, which set long range priorities for eliminating unnecessary wastes upstream and also diverting more valuable resources away from landfills. "Zero Waste" is currently defined as 90% or greater diversion from landfills or incinerators. The City of Burbank currently diverts over 60% of wastes from landfills. Businesses are embracing zero waste as one way to meet customer demand for clean production and products. Toyota, Ricoh Electronics, and a growing number of corporations have reported that zero waste practices improve the bottom line. Burbank's Zero Waste Policy and Plan are available on the City website. For more information

on zero waste plans around the world, visit the Zero Waste Alliance at www.zerowaste.org.

Many Burbank residents already participate in "**Take-Back**" programs for batteries, electronics, cell phones, toner cartridges, plastic bags and fluorescent bulbs. More businesses are participating in take-back programs than ever before. The City's Zero Waste Plan supports take-back programs, one of the many ways that **Product Stewardship** can be seen in action. Businesses wanting more information are encouraged to contact the California Integrated Waste Management Board at www.dtsc.ca.gov/TIB/index.cfm. To locate businesses that take-back products please visit www.Earth911.org.



Talk to Your Gardener About Natural Landscaping

Many homeowners enlist a gardener's help to keep their yard looking great. With California's declaration of drought and heightened concerns for environmental well being, natural yard care is attracting lots of attention. Here are some ideas to discuss with your gardener on easing your yard's appetite for resources.

- Reduce the lawn size. Lawns consume gulps of water and chemicals (nitrogen fertilizer is produced using natural gas). In place of a lawn, add shade trees (think global cooling), mulches and native or drought tolerant plants. A lot of food-producing trees need less water than lawns! Why not start a cooperative neighborhood orchard and swap food!
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn. Clippings don't build thatch but do return nutrients back to the soil. When soil humus increases, fertilizer and water needs drop.
- Learn to compost WITH your gardener and you'll hardly ever need your green bin. Attend a free composting class and get a free compost bin. Be patient. Caring for a compost bin is a new idea for a lot of gardeners and it will take time to learn.
- Mulch the leaves. Compost the weeds and food scraps! Let nature do what it does best.
- Replace gas mowers with electric or push mowers. Expect to pay extra for this "premium, quiet, clean-air service" because gardeners will spend more time cleaning up. Alternate: Give up one day a week at the gym and push the mower yourself. Nice abs!
- Trade up to experienced dry land, Mediterranean and California native plants. They'll sail through droughts.



- Learn about water harvesting. Contour your yard to slow, sink and hold water. Those rain drains could give you a few weeks of free water.

Your natural landscape can be colorful, nutritious, water wise, safe for pollinators and your family. Ask your gardener to partner with you.

SHARE IT! Don't Toss It.

Divert waste from landfills by sharing your used electronics, clothes and reusable materials.

Below is list of organizations that can assist with distributing items for reuse.

Some places will take all E-waste scrap while others only take working items. Please call listed number for verification.

(This list is not all inclusive)

SHARE WITH A NONPROFIT/COMPANY

- American Cancer Society Discovery Shops
www.cancer.org, 818-841-2969
- Disabled Veterans Charities
www.disabledveteranscharities.com
818-244-9740
- Electronic Waste Solution
www.ewastecenter.com
For pickups call 323-837-9950
(also takes nonworking electronics)
- Habitat for Humanity,
http://www.habitat.org/env/restores.aspx
626-792-3838
- L.A. SHARES, www.lashares.org
213-485-1097
- Planet Aid, www.planetaid.org
For locations call 323-261-9635
(used clothes bins)
- Goodwill Industries,
www.goodwillsocal.org
For locations call 323-223-1211

SHARE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

(Networks and Classifieds)

- CalMAX, www.ciwmb.ca.gov/CalMAX/
877-520-9703
- Craigslist, www.losangeles.craigslist.org
- FreeCycle, www.freecycle.org
- Recycler Classifieds, www.recycler.com
818-305-2200

As always, if you can't find someone to take your unwanted electronics, bring them to the Burbank Recycle Center. The Center accepts up to 100 pounds of electronic waste per year from Burbank addresses.

REMEMBER TO BUY USED AND RECYCLED

— RECYCLING HEROES —

Each year the City of Burbank honors a group of recycling heroes for their dedication to reducing, reusing and recycling wastes. This year's heroes have turned food scraps into chocolate soil, organized residents in a multifamily recycling campaign and launched an exemplary restaurant recycling program. As Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Recycling Hero: The Compost Crew

For two years, a crew of three has maintained the Burbank Recycle Center's compost demonstration site. The crew includes Sunnye Chew, Ken Melie, and Eric Felker.

Sunnys started composting over three years ago. When she first read about composting, she thought to herself, "This is great! I can do this!" She also recycles 90-95% of the stuff she no longer uses. Sunnye's goal is to leave the world a better place. For her, composting is giving back to Mother Nature, especially important when we take so much from her.

Ken's first attempt at composting was a cheeseburger that delivered only confusion and maggots. He is now a successful composter who uses an efficient cinder block bin at home. At first, composting seemed difficult, but now it's second nature. Ken would love to see a neighborhood composting program; not only would it provide great fertilizer, but it would build community pride.

Eric is known around his neighborhood as "Leaf Man". He gathers leaves from his neighborhood and contributes a considerable amount of "brown matter" to the compost program. Eric feels composting is most remarkable and he has become more aware of the environment and human interaction through his involvement. He now cares about the "creepy creatures" and views microbes as allies. Eric says, "Living in a large city,

it is easy to forget and lose one's connection with the environment and its natural processes."

Recycling Hero: Donna Brown and the Park Avenue Senior Apartments

Donna is the manager of a sixty-three unit apartment complex that has been recycling for eight years.

Back in March 1999, the complex started out with a one cubic yard recycle bin, picked up once a week. Residents were so proficient that Public Works replaced their bin with a two cubic yard bin and increased pickups to two times per week. That wasn't enough. By October 2007, they eventually graduated to a three cubic yard recycle bin.

The residents recycle all sorts of other items, from microwaves to fluorescent bulbs, all of which are delivered to the Recycle Center. They use the redemption proceeds from bottles and cans to buy new items for the apartment complex, such as pancake grills. Even with all their efforts, they are still looking to increase their knowledge of recycling and living a green lifestyle.

Recycling Hero: Mike Lopez Bob's Big Boy Restaurant

Mike Lopez, general manager of Bob's Big Boy, helped to build the restaurant's commendable recycling program. The restaurant started out recycling 8 yards per week and has gradually increased to 60+ yards per week. Currently, they have three cubic yard bins picked up daily with piles of stacked cardboard next to the bin. It took training and time, but Mike's staff now accepts recycling as a routine.

When asked what he would like to say to other Burbank businesses, Mike responds, "Any kind of business owner can benefit from recycling. Trash pickups cost money, but the City of Burbank does

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not charge for recycling pickups. Chances are that half of what is thrown in the trash can be recycled and the trash bill can be reduced. It is the responsibility of the business to educate the staff on how to properly separate what is thrown out."

Recycling Hero: Gloria O' Donohoe

Gloria was recognized in our last newsletter for her outstanding contribution to the Burbank Public Library. By recycling 56,987 laser and ink jet cartridges, she managed to put \$38,000 worth of books onto library shelves. That's not the whole story:

Gloria also lives a green lifestyle. She forces her family to recycle by supplying the house with a large recycle bin and a small trash bin. She is an advocate of using cloth bags (she owns 12) and has stopped offering customers of the Friends of The Library Book Store plastic bags. When shopping, she makes it a point to tell the cashier that she is "saving the earth one bag at a time." Gloria brings her own reusable to-go containers to restaurants and is convincing her friends to do the same. She practices conservation at home by using fans and window shades versus the air conditioner. Her house even has a solar fan on the roof. When asked what she would like to tell others she said, "There are a lot of people complaining about the price of gas. Well, stop using plastic bags! Plastic is made from oil. People can make an individual difference in the use of oil by slowing down their consumption."

Congratulations to all our Burbank recycling heroes and to all the people who are working with them for a better world!



All items at right are considered HHW and should be disposed of at a SAFE Collection Center. For more information search SAFE Collection Center online or call the Burbank Recycle Center at 238-3900

ANSWER

Super Safe Staff at the Recycle Center



Burbank Recycling Inc. (BRI), the Recycle Center's recycling operations contractor, was presented the Golden Gate Partnership Recognition Award by the State of California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) for its outstanding safety program! In an awards ceremony at the Center on June 19th Cal/OSHA representative Dan Leiner, Regional Area Manager, and Raminder Mundi, Safety Consultant, recognized BRI's exceptional safety program. Dan Leiner said he has only presented a handful of these awards in the last five years. Carmen Arroyo, Human Resources & Safety Manager, and Adrian Rosales, Operations Manager, accepted the award for the company and acknowledged that safety comes first. The City was represented by Kreigh Hampel, Recycling Coordinator, and Bill Taylor, Safety Officer. Way to go BRI...you rock! The top award, the SHARP (Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program) is the next goal for BRI. Congratulations to an excellent record of safety!

Household Hazardous Waste Quiz:

Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW) are common household products that are toxic or potentially harmful to humans or the natural environment.

Test your knowledge, which of the following are considered hazardous waste?

AA Batteries	Toilet Bowl Cleaner	Fertilizer	Ipod	See 'N Say Toy
Light-Up Toys	Cell Phone	Floor Lamp	Blinkie Suckers	Shoe Polish
Anti-Freeze	Chlorine Bleach	Fluorescent Light Bulb	Motor Oil	Singing Greeting Cards
Car Batteries	Clock Radio	Gasoline	Nail Polish	Light-Up Sneakers
Paints & Thinners	Computer Monitor	Glue	Paint Cans	Tamagotchi Virtual Pets
Pool Chemicals	Electric Toothbrush	Guitar Hero	Perfume	Windshield Wiper Fluid
Pesticides & Herbicides		Light-Up Ice Cubes	Prescription Medicine	



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Saturday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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BICYCLES

Jeff Pierce works at a local law firm and one thing he doesn't have to think about is struggling through a mundane commute in the confines of his car. Jeff owns a motorized bicycle that he uses to ride to work, run errands, and pick up groceries. Jeff can also be seen riding his bike to the park, with his conga drums, for a little relaxation and music.

Jeff goes above and beyond the average bicyclist when he rides from Glendale to bring his recyclables to the Burbank Recycle Center using a double-decker trailer attached to his bike. Who says you need a car to drop off your recycling?

Jeff built his first motorized bicycle three years ago when he bought a conversion kit from an online, electric bike company. He now owns two motorized bicycles, the original being a 36 volt and the newer version a 48 volt.

A motorized bike is not only fun, it's efficient. These bikes can be charged at home, travel 25 miles per battery charge, and are recharged in as little as five hours. Jeff's favorite bike is equipped with an orange safety flag, rear view mirror, electric motor (with speed control, a throttle,

... the world's most efficient vehicles



Jeff Pierce transports over 100 pounds of recyclables with his bike and trailer.

and direct drive), rechargeable/recyclable nickel metal hydride battery, halogen lamp for night travel, and audio system for beach cruising (with speakers and iPod). Jeff would never recommend listening to music when riding on city streets.

Jeff finds that motorists treat him with respect

and move over to the left when he is sharing the road. He encourages people to get out and ride and is always in support of additional bicycle lanes on the city streets.

The next time you plan to run local errands think of our friend Jeff and hop on your bike.



CALLING ALL BURBANK BUSINESSES

Green Business Information Exchange — September 24, 6:00 pm Meeting

Following the adoption of the City's Sustainability Action Plan, the Burbank Recycle Center has launched a **Green Business Information Exchange** to help local businesses and individuals stay up to date with the evolving issues of sustainability and Zero Waste. On May 2, 2008, Zero Waste consultant Gary Liss presented—**Building Lean, Green Businesses and Organizations** to over fifty attendees. The next meeting will be hosted by Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center on Wednesday September 24, 2008 at 6:00 pm. For more information or to be placed on the guest list, please call the Burbank Recycle Center at 238-3900 or email zerowaste@ci.burbank.ca.us.